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ELIMINATION OF MICROORGANISMS  
AND APPARATUS FOR EVALUATING  
ELIMINATION OF MICROORGANISMS

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 7, 2009, the date for response having been extended to April 7, 2010, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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